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MICHIGAN CONGREGATIONAL
AND CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE

held in the

First Congregational Church

Kalamazoo, Michigan

May 8 - 11, 1933



A STATEMENT AND AN EXPLANATION

Solely in the interest of economy and for the first time in the history of the Conference, it has been decided not to publish in full the proceedings and the reports of the Annual Meeting.

Essential information for pastors, church clerks and other church officers has been included in this abbreviated report. The original documents referred to in the minutes, all reports of officers and committees, records of discussions and proposals not definitely settled or acted upon by the Conference, together with detailed statements as to trust funds, etc., are on file at the Conference office and accessible to any one whose interest may lead to a closer examination.

The minutes are printed in practically the same form in which they were received from the scribe.

The important responsible actions of the Conference in Resolutions and Recommendations to the churches are printed in full and for convenience are gathered into one section of this report.

The lists of Officers and Committees are printed in full because it will be necessary for all of us to refer to them from time to time.

The Report of the Committee on Necrology, and also the Committee on Resolutions are in full, and of other committees only an abbreviated report of matters more or less vital to the work of the year is printed.

Ministers and Church Clerks will find the Church Statistics of Michigan for 1932 in the forth-coming issue of the Year Book, or will be supplied with any specific information along this line by making request to the State Conference Office.

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Term Expires 1936

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This committee to be supplemented by fourteen Corresponding Members representing the Local Associations and appointed by the Registrars of said Association in conference with the State Committee.

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MINUTES OF THE NINETY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN CONGREGATIONAL-CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE

HELD AT KALAMAZOO

MAY 8, 9, 10, 11, 1933

Conference Theme: "For Such an Hour As This"—Esther 4:14

The Ninety First Annual meeting of the Michigan Congregational-Christian Conference opened with a Pre-Conference Fellowship Dinner on Monday, May 8th, at six o'clock in the banquet hall of the church. At the close of the dinner the Moderator, Rev. Herbert McConnell of Grand Rapids, introduced the pastor of the entertaining church, the Reverend Torrance Phelps, D.D., who, with native wit, extended a cordial welcome to the assembled ministers and delegates. The Moderator responded with words of friendly acceptance.

The dinner was followed with three simultaneous meetings, one for the ministers with Superintendent Stephen A. Lloyd in charge; one for the laymen in attendance with Mr. W. C. Bieneman, East Church, Grand Rapids in charge. Mr. Bieneman's address and discussion was entitled, "The Man-Power of the Church". The discussion was led by Mr. W. G. Clarke, Boulevard Church, Detroit. The third meeting was a Woman's Conference led by Mrs. H. V. Collins, President of Woman's Association of the State.

At 9:00 P. M. the three groups reassembled in the auditorium for the evening devotions and were led in a "Service of Confession" by the Rev. E. Paul Sylvester, Second Church, Grand Rapids. The Sermon, "Finding Life's Meaning in Christ" was preached by St. Clare Parsons, D.D., of Greenville.

TUESDAY MORNING

At 9:30 o'clock, morning prayers were conducted by the Rev. E. A. Cook, Ph.D., Wallin Church, Grand Rapids.

Devotions were followed by the keynote address of the Conference delivered by the Reverend A. J. MacKenzie, D.D., of Brewster Church, Detroit, who took for his theme "The Unconquerable".

At 10:15 the Assembly divided into three groups; the Women, under the leadership of Mrs. H. V. Collins, met to transact the business relating to the Woman's Missionary Society of the Conference. Two Seminars, one, "Evangelism and the Devotional Life," led by the Reverend A. E. Potts, Plymouth Church, Grand Rapids, and the second, "Social Relations," led by Rev. H. N. Dukes of Jackson, were held from 10:15 to 11:30.

At 11:30 o'clock the three groups reassembled in the main auditorium and a Worship Service of "Prayer for Church and State" was conducted by the Reverend John Stearns of Pontiac. The sermon on "Hill Difficulty" was delivered by the Reverend Edwin W. Bishop, D.D., of Plymouth Church, Lansing.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Following lunch, two simultaneous seminars, one on "Religious Education and Young People," conducted by Rev. George Yapple, Detroit, and the other on "The Ministry," conducted by Reverend Percy Dawe of Cadillac, were held. The Annual Meetings of the Woman's Home Missionary Union, the State Board of Trustees, the Conference Nominating Committee, the Conference Committee on Resolutions, etc., were held in the committee rooms during the afternoon.

At 4:00 o'clock, the delegates were guests of the entertaining church on a tour of the city of Kalamazoo, visiting especially the large paper mills.

TUESDAY EVENING

At 6:00 o'clock the ladies of the entertaining church served the Conference Dinner in their banquet hall. The Moderator, Rev. Herbert McConnell, presided, and introduced the Reverend A. M. Meikle, Superintendent of the Detroit Association, who acted as Toastmaster. Wit and humor characterized introductions and toasts on "The Men" by Mr. F. G. Varney of Kalamazoo; "The Women" by Mrs. E. C. Edmunds of Benton Harbor; "The Youth" by Miss Catherine Crabill, Ypsilanti, and "The Ministers" by the Reverend Samuel Kelley of Allegan. The musical treat of the evening was the attendance of the Kalamazoo College Men's Glee Club who sang several numbers which were very much appreciated.

At eight o'clock the assembly adjourned to the main auditorium and were led in a service of "Prayer and Meditation" by the Rev. Rex. O. Holman of Owosso.

The Reverend Warren Wheeler Pickett, First Church, Detroit, preached the Conference sermon, taking for his theme, "The King Is Dead".

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Morning prayers were conducted by the Reverend George H. Coman of Breckenridge, at 9:15 o'clock.

The Conference was then called to order by the Moderator, Reverend Herbert McConnell, for the transaction of such business as should come before it. The Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Reverend Howard A. Blanning, presented the names of the Rev. Arden S. Johnson, Grand Blanc, for Scribe, and the Rev. Mark G. Inghram, Olivet, Assistant Scribe. Upon motion they were elected by a unanimous vote.

Dr. Lloyd, the Registrar, reported that a quorum was present and the Moderator instructed the scribe to prepare the roll. (See appendix.)

The election of Moderator being in order, the Moderator appointed as tellers Rev. Harold Skidmore of Grand Rapids, and Rev. John C. Young of Royal Oak. Rev. George Horst of St. Joseph, was recognized, and placed in nomination the Rev. Samuel Kelley of Allegan. The nomination was seconded by Rev. Edwin Bishop of Plymouth, Lansing. Rev. Albert G. Beard of Otsego, nominated the Rev. John D. Perrin of Watervliet, and Rev. Samuel Kelley seconded this nomination. With consent of the assembly, the Moderator declared the nominations closed and the Conference proceeded to vote. The result of the ballot was as follows: Number votes cast, 94, of which Mr. Kelley received 64, and Mr. Perrin, 30. Upon motion the vote was made unanimous and the Rev. Samuel Kelley was thereupon declared elected Moderator for the ensuing year.

Nominations for Assistant Moderator was then called. Rev. John C. Young, Royal Oak, presented the name of Rev. John D. Perrin of Watervliet; Mr. Wm. G. Clarke of Detroit, presented the name of Mrs. C. J. Chandler of Detroit. The Rev. John D. Perrin was recognized by the chair, and withdrew his name, and upon motion made by Dr. Lloyd, the unanimous ballot of the Conference was cast for Mrs. C. J. Chandler of Detroit and she was declared elected Asst. Moderator for the ensuing year.

The new Moderator and his assistant were introduced and spoke briefly in appreciation of the honor.

The Rev. Samuel N. Oliver of Muskegon, chairman of the Business Committee, presented the printed program and it was adopted as the official guide for the procedure of the Conference.

A telegram of greetings and felicitations from the Indiana Conference of Congregational and Christian Churches in assembly at Fort Wayne, signed by the Rev. Arthur J. Folsom, Moderator of their Conference, was read. A motion was made and seconded that a return telegram be sent. The motion was carried.

The Moderator then called for the report from the State Superintendent, the Reverend Stephen A. Lloyd. Dr. Lloyd made the Conference acquainted with the many problems throughout the state, but with determined optimism looked for progress with the churches acting as a unit. Rev. Bernard G. Mattson presented a motion for the adoption of the report. The motion was seconded and when the chair called for remarks the desire for printed copies was expressed but the Superintendent said the expenditure of funds for this purpose was unwise. The motion was carried.

Mrs. H. V. Collins presented her interesting report. A motion for its adoption was presented by the Reverend Albert G. Beard of Otsego, and the motion was carried. The Reverend Stephen J. Paull of Rockford, and several other delegates, expressed the appreciation of the Conference to Mrs. Collins for the splendid work of the past year.

Mrs. Ralph Ferguson, Detroit, secretary of the Thank Offering, presented her report on the methods and the worth of the special Thank Offering in the churches during each fall. The report was received for file.

Owing to the absence of Mr. Herman H. Halladay, Superintendent Lloyd presented the treasurer's report and moved its adoption. Carried. (This Report was printed in the May number of the Conference News.)

Mrs. C. J. Chandler, Detroit, President of the Board of Trustees, presented the Report of the Board. The motion for the adoption of the report and the disposition of the recommendations to come later was made by Mr. W. G. Clarke and carried. (Summary of this report in another column.)

The Rev. H. A. Blanning, Benton Harbor, chairman of the nominating committee was recognized by the chair and presented the resignation of Rev. Chester B. Emerson, D.D., Detroit. Rev. Blanning then presented the entire slate as prepared by his committee. After the Moderator had called for nominations from the floor, and there was no response, Mr. Blanning moved that the report of the committee be adopted and the scribe instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of the Conference for the election of the officers, as nominated. The motion was unanimously carried. (See complete list.)

The time having arrived for the Memorial Service the Moderator adjourned business until the afternoon.

The Memorial Service was conducted by Rev. Gordon Speer, South Haven. The report of the Committee on Necrology was given by Rev. Frederick Bagnall, New Haven, Chairman. (See report.) The splendid and inspiring Memorial Sermon was delivered by Rev. Jesse Sarles, D.D., Calumet. At the close of the sermon, Rev. John D. Perrin, Watervliet, officiated in the impressive celebration of the Sacrament of the Holy Communion. He was assisted by eight clergymen in the office of deacons.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Promptly at 1:30 the Moderator, Rev. Herbert McConnell, called the Conference to order. Rev. Percy Dawe of Cadillac was recognized by the chair and presented, in the name of a committee chosen by the seminar on "The Ministry," resolutions for the organization of a Board of Pastoral Supply, and moved its adoption. After some discussion the motion was presented and carried. The Moderator asked about the election of the three members of the committee and gaining no response referred the matter to the Nominating Committee with instructions to report on Thursday morning. (Report turned over to Special Committee for study and such organization as deemed practical.)

The Moderator then called upon the scribe to read the several recommendations made by the Board of Trustees, and these without exception were adopted by a unanimous vote. (See Recommendations and Resolutions.)

The Rev. Hubert N. Dukes, Jackson, gained recognition of the chair and after informing the assembly of the convening of the "Wales and England Congregational Union" now in session in London, moved that the following cablegram be sent: "Elbert Lewis, Chairman Congregational Union, England and Wales, City Temple, London: Greetings from Michigan Congregational-Christian Churches in session at Kalamazoo, bespeaking the developing of a common aim between England and Wales." The motion was seconded, and unanimously carried. (See note.)

On the arrival of the hour of 2:15 the Moderator turned the meeting over to the Chairman of the Committee on Religious Education, the Rev. George Yaple of Detroit, who in turn introduced Rev. N. A. McCune, D.D., of Peoples Church, East Lansing, who addressed the assembly on the theme, "Can College Students Be Religious". The address was a sympathetic discussion of the situation now facing the youth of today.

This was followed by something new in the mechanics of discussion. Mr. Yaple assembled four adults picked from the audience, and four picked students from Olivet College, and called it a Jury-Panel. They took under consideration the question, "What Does Youth See in Religion?" With as much freedom as possible the eight were encouraged to speak on the subject with Mr. Yaple acting as arbitrator. This feature was considered by many the high point in the Conference, altho the time was all too short for both the participants and their listeners.

Mr. Yaple turned the meeting back to the Moderator who called the Conference to order for the resumption of business.

One of the recommendations of the Board of Trustees called for the appointment of a "Special Committee of Five Members on Appraisal". After a statement on the important work to be undertaken by the committee, the Moderator made the following appointment: Rev. A. J. MacKenzie, D.D., Chairman, Detroit; Rev. Percy Dawe, Cadillac; Mr. Arthur G. Erickson, Ypsilanti; Mrs. E. C. Edmunds, Benton Harbor; Mr. John D. McNaughton, Grand Rapids.

The session adjourned at 5:00 P. M.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

At 6:00 P. M. a Young People's Banquet was served by the ladies of the entertaining church with Rev. Harold Skidmore, South Church, Grand Rapids, presiding. The speakers for the evening was the Rev. John Claxton, Manistee, and Rev. Howard Towne, Traverse City. The Olivet String Trio contributed much to the enjoyment of the evening with a fine program of music. The attendance of Young People was large and the enjoyment evident.

Evening devotions were conducted in the main auditorium by the Rev. Bernard G. Mattson, D.D., Manistee. The music by the church choir was especially good and the address of the evening on "The Dynamic Conception of Evil" was delivered by Dr. Charles E. Burton, Secretary General Conference of Congregational Christian Churches.

THURSDAY MORNING

Morning prayers were conducted by Rev. Mark G. Inghram, Olivet.

The Moderator, Rev. Herbert McConnell, having been called home due to the death of a parishoner, the Assistant Moderator, Rev. Percy Dawe, Cadillac, presided.

The reports from the following special and standing committees were called for and given.

Religious Education—Rev. George Yapple, Detroit, Chairman. Report read by Rev. Harold Skidmore, Grand Rapids, who moved its adoption. Carried.

Report on Evangelism and Devotional Life—Rev. Torrance Phelps, D.D., Kalamazoo, Chairman. Report read by Dr. Phelps, who moved its adoption. Carried.

A report from the Social Relations Committee—Mrs. G. W. Russell, Flint, Chairman. Owing to Mrs. Russell's inability to attend, Rev. Dukes read her written report and moved its adoption. Carried.

Rev. Percy Dawe, Cadillac, Chairman of the Committee on "The Ministry" spoke briefly on the work of that committee and moved that since the Committee on Nominations was not prepared to present any names for the Special Committee on Pastoral Supply, that the Board of Trustees be empowered to nominate and elect this special committee. The motion was unanimously carried.

The Resolution Committee, through its chairman, Rev. H. N. Dukes, presented their resolutions which were adopted by unanimous vote. (See Reports.)

The hour having arrived for the Thirty-ninth Annual Meeting of the Michigan Home Missionary Society, the Conference recessed for ten minutes.

The Conference reconvened and the Moderator called for the presentation of the newly elected Moderator, the Rev. Samuel Kelley, Allegan, who was escorted to the platform by Rev. Gordon Speer, and duly inducted into his office. Mr. Kelley addressed the Conference, setting forth his desire to serve the Conference during the coming year.

The Rev. Thornton B. Penfield, Jr., of Saginaw, was recognized by the chair and presented an invitation from his church for the Conference to hold its Ninety-second Annual Meeting at Saginaw in 1934. Rev. Gordon Speer moved acceptance of this invitation and the Conference voted unanimously to meet at the First Congregational Church in Saginaw, next year.

The Moderator appointed the Standing Committees for the ensuing year. (See Committees.)

Mrs. Mary D. White, Secretary for Woman's Work, Home Boards, was introduced and gave a splendid review presenting the urgent need of the work here in our Homeland. The address was timely and Mrs. White was urged to make Michigan a regular "port of call".

The Moderator introduced Dr. Hugh Vernon White, Associate Secretary of the American Board, Boston, Mass., who gave an illuminating address on the Revolutionary attitude toward all religions today. Especially toward the Christian religion through-out the world.

The Registrar reported that 133 churches were represented at the Conference—the total attendance being 286.

The Moderator called for final business, and with none presented, the Clerk was instructed to complete the minutes. A motion was made by Dr. Lloyd that after the Worship Service the Conference stand adjourned sine die. The motion was carried.

A beautiful service of "Thanksgiving" was led by the Rev. Percy C. Jesson, Richmond, and Rev. C. H. Meyers, D.D., North Woodward Avenue, Detroit, taking for his theme, "Beginning Again", preached the closing sermon, and with the benediction the Ninety-first Annual Conference of Congregational-Christian churches stood adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

ARDEN S. JOHNSON,
Scribe.

DIGEST OF REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

During the year financial aid has been given to 46 churches and to work at four colleges, to a total amount of \$15,705.

One new work was undertaken at Battle Creek in a non-English Speaking group under the leadership of Rev. Theo. Athanassoff. In this the Conference cooperated with the National Home Mission Society and the First Church of Battle Creek.

Gifts of two thousand dollars for the Reserve Fund and of one thousand dollars to be held in trust for the Grand Ledge Church were received.

The Stowell Home, the gift of Mrs. Winckles of Elyria, Ohio, has been incorporated and will be developed as a Home for the aged of our Congregational-Christian churches as soon as financial conditions permit.

The contract with the Central Trust Company of Lansing was terminated and our trust funds were put in the hands of a finance committee composed of members of the Board of Trustees and Officers of the Conference.

The financial situation and consequent reduced income from the churches has made necessary stern economies and in some cases tragic retrenchment. It is our hope that this condition may be remedied this year by a return to more nearly normal conditions.

IMPORTANT RESOLUTIONS

Benevolent Giving

Whereas the average per-capita giving for Benevolences is, and for many years has been, lower in Michigan than the average for our churches throughout the country, and

Whereas it shows a decline disproportionate to that in other states of the Mid-west area, we recommend:

First. That the Conference request each church and pastor to adopt as a minimum apportionment goal for 1933-34 an amount at least equal to one penny a day for each member of the church. Unanimously carried.

Second. That we request each church to appoint or elect a benevolence treasurer to whom the funds for Benevolences shall be paid and who will make monthly returns of such funds for State, National and Foreign Work as come into his possession, as treasurer, to the State Conference office. Unanimously carried.

Third. That we commend to the churches the use of the World Friendship Plan and of such other promotional material and plans as may be proposed by the Staff or the Committee on Religious Education of the Conference, to the end that the membership of our churches may be better informed concerning the important tasks undertaken by the Conference, the Home and Foreign Boards and the Denomination as a whole. Unanimously carried.

Aided Churches

We recommend that, in view of the financial situation and the consequent inability of the Conference to carry on its work within the budget set up for 1933, that Rev. Herbert McConnell and Mr. Arthur Erickson be a special committee, with power to review with the State Superintendent, the list of grants to our aided churches within the State, and to make reductions in the grants if and when such reduction is necessary or advisable; both for the balance of the year 1933 and the year 1934. Unanimously adopted.

Pension to Superintendent Emeritus

We recommend that in view of the financial condition noted above, the pension granted by the Conference to its Superintendent Emeritus, Dr. Sutherland, be temporarily reduced from \$1,600 per year to \$900 per year, payable at the rate of \$75 per month and beginning with June. Unanimously adopted.

Appraisal Committees

We recommend that the Moderator of the Conference be instructed to appoint a special committee of five members to study and appraise the work of the Conference and to recommend to the Board of Trustees of the Conference such changes in organization, operation and policy as may seem advisable or necessary. Unanimously adopted.

(The Moderator appointed as members of this committee, Rev. A. J. MacKenzie, D.D., chairman, Mrs. E. C. Edmunds, Mr. John McNaughton, Mr. Arthur Erickson, Rev. Percy Dawe.)

Agreement with the Congregational Board of Ministerial Relief

That we renew for one year the agreement with the Congregational Board of Ministerial Relief, as follows:

(1) That the Michigan Congregational Conference will remit at the end of each month to the Board of Ministerial Relief all sums received from the churches, the Local Associations, and the State Conference, and receipts from invested funds.

(2) The Michigan Conference will transmit to the Board of Ministerial Relief all applications for annuities and special grants of which it approves.

(3) The Board of Ministerial Relief will give prompt consideration to all such applications and make as generous grants in aid as possible.

(4) The Board of Ministerial Relief will continue the present policy of the State Conference in authorizing the State Superintendent to act entirely upon his own judgment in caring for emergency cases. Unanimously adopted.

Superintendent and Registrar

Resolved, that Dr. Stephen A. Lloyd succeed himself as Superintendent and Registrar. Unanimously adopted.

Treasurer

Resolved that Mr. Herman H. Halladay succeed himself as Treasurer. Unanimously adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Be it hereby resolved that the Conference express its sincere appreciation to the pastor and to the committee of this church for their untiring effort in preparation and in planning and in caring for this Conference.

To the music director and the choir of the First Congregational Church, Kalamazoo, for their attentive attitude toward the music needs of the Conference and for their contribution to our service. To the members of the Kalamazoo College Glee Club and to the instrumental trio from Olivet College whose splendid musical contribution added so much to the enjoyment of the Conference dinner on Tuesday evening, and the Young People's Banquet on Wednesday.

To the people of First Church for their generous hospitality which manifested itself in the anticipation of the needs and comforts of the delegates and visitors from our churches.

That we record our sense of obligation to all of those who helped in making this program a success—the committee for their pains-taking preparation, and the speakers and various group leaders from our churches throughout the state, especially to Rev. Charles E. Burton, D.D., of New York, Mrs. Mary White of New York, and Rev. Hugh Vernon White, D.D., of Boston, representatives of denominational interests far and wide; and

Also to our beloved Superintendent, Dr. Stephen A. Lloyd, who carries the burden of the Conference at all times.

Be it further resolved, that special appreciation be given to Mr. George Yaple and his group of adults and students who assisted him in the unique and vitally interesting program presenting "A Jury Panel in Religion" at the meeting on Wednesday afternoon.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. PERCY DAWE,

Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY

Crips, Phillip M., born in Horton County, Ontario, Canada, 1848. Ordained 1878. Died, May 26, 1932.

Congregational pastorates: Matherton, Onondaga, Custer, Bridgeport, Metamora, Wolverine and Alba, Michigan. Died at Grand Rapids, on May 26, 1932.

Lemmon, Charles Harvey, born near Clyde Ohio, Aug. 25, 1853. Ordained 1883. Died, Aug. 27, 1932.

Congregational pastorates: North Robinson, Festoria, Union and North Church, Cleveland, Ohio; ad interim pastorate, Boulevard Church, Detroit. Died at Detroit, Aug. 27, 1932.

Minty, William A., born in Port Royal, Ontario, Canada, 1871. Ordained 1901. Died, Oct. 3, 1932.

Congregational pastorates: Cedar and Maple City, Pilgram Church, Lansing; South Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan; Belvidere, Ill.; First Church, Fort Dodge, Iowa; Olivet Church, St. Paul, Minn.; Minnaha Church, Minneapolis, Minn. Died at Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. 3, 1932.

Rowland, Levi P., born in Lisbon, Conn., 1833. Ordained 1890. Died, Nov. 4, 1932.

Congregational pastorates, none. Came to Michigan in 1879 as First State Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association. In 1881 became secretary of the Grand Rapids Young Men's Christian Association. Died in Detroit, Nov. 4, 1932.

Harding, William F., born near Tecumseh, Michigan, 1862. Ordained 1891. Died, Dec. 25, 1932.

Congregational pastorates: Altra, Okla.; Sioux City, Iowa; Terre Haute and Orland, Ind.; Garden City, Arkanasa City, Leavenworth, Anthony, Fort Scott and Marion, Kansas; A.M.A. work in Mobile, Ala. Died at Ann Arbor, Dec. 25, 1932.

Clafin, Arthur Herbert, born in Charlotte, Michigan, Jan. 7, 1857. Ordained 1882. Died, April 4, 1933.

Congregational pastorates: Orchard, Iowa; Sheridan and Grand Blanc, Michigan; First Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Field Secretary for Olivet College. Several years work for the Anti-Saloon League. Died at Olivet, Michigan, April 4, 1933.

FRED BAGNALL, Chairman.

THE MICHIGAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Thirty-ninth Annual Meeting of the Michigan Home Missionary Society was called to order by its president, the Rev. Nathaniel Skidmore of Jackson.

Upon motion of Rev. John Claxon of Manistee, the nominating committee of the Conference and the Conference Scribe were appointed to serve in like capacity for the Society.

The Nominating Committee placed in nomination the following names:

President.....	Rev. Nathaniel Skidmore, Jackson
Vice-President.....	Rev. H. E. Maycroft, Lakeview
Secretary and Superintendent.....	Dr. Stephen A. Lloyd, Lansing
Treasurer.....	Mr. Herman H. Halladay, Lansing

Dr. Lloyd presented the following resolution which was adopted:

"Be it resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Michigan Congregational Conference and its Executive Committee are hereby appointed the agents of this Board for the purpose of applying the funds of this Board to the purposes designated by the donors thereof, or to such other work of the Society as in their judgment and discretion, may be best for their work."

Meeting adjourned.

ARDEN S. JOHNSON, Scribe.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE

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1933-1934

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WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION, 1933

The Fifty Second Annual Meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Union was called to order by the President, Mrs. H. V. Collins, on the afternoon of May 9 at the First Congregational Church of Kalamazoo.

In the absence of the Secretary, Mrs. F. A. Fairbrother, Miss Hester was made Secretary Protem and read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were approved and ordered placed on file.

In the absence of the Treasurer, Mrs. Charles M. Novak, Mrs. Collins reported \$49.75 in the Treasury. It was moved and supported that the report be accepted and placed on file.

The Board of Trustees voted the distribution of the money as follows: Straight College, \$10.00; Pleasant Hill Academy, \$10.00; Olivet College, \$10.00; State Conference, \$10.00.

The balance to be used for local bills of the Society.

The Nominating Committee recommended the following names for officers for the following year:

President	Mrs. Hattie B. Collins, Lansing
Vice-President	Mrs. C. J. Chandler, Grosse Pointe Park
Secretary	Mrs. F. A. Fairbrother, Detroit
Treasurer	Mrs. Charles Novak, Detroit

Mrs. Ganson Taggart, Chairman of this committee, moved the adoption of it, and that the Secretary cast the unanimous ballot for the election of these officers. This was seconded and carried and the Secretary cast the ballot and the officers were declared elected.

As there was no other business, the meeting adjourned to meet at the time of the State Conference in 1934.

Signed:

MISS HESTER,
Secretary, pro-tem.